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Featured this month: Resources for Procuring Local Foods

As the school year comes to an end, now is the perfect time to create a plan to bring more local foods into your program. Buying local foods doesn't have to be intimidating. The Office of Community Food Systems (OCFS) has numerous resources to make the procurement process simple and efficient. Visit this [link](#) for a variety of resources on procuring local foods for child nutrition programs.

• CACFP Vendors List and Farmers Market List Now Available •

The [CACFP/SFSP Vendors List](#) and [Local Farmers Market List](#) are now available! Institutions/sponsors searching for Food Service Management Companies (FSMC), food vendors, and local farmers markets can use the lists as a resource to begin your search. Please engage in free, open, and fair competition when procuring meals and/or meal components.

Bright from the Start is not endorsing the companies on the list, and your organization is responsible for any disputes arising from procurements. Contact Charnele Dobbins, Procurement and Purchasing Compliance Officer, at charnele.dobbins@decalfga.gov or (404) 656-2472 if you have any questions.

• Got Milk? Statewide Contract for Milk & Ice Cream Products •



On June 1, 2017, the Georgia Department of Administrative Services State Purchasing Division released a new statewide contract (SWC) for Milk & Ice Cream (99999-001-SPD0000126-0002). The contract is available for state entities and other governmental entities, such as state authorities, local governments, municipalities, cities, townships, and counties within Georgia through May 31, 2019. The contract is with Dean Holding Company.

Click [here](#) for more information.

• 5th Georgia Farm to School Summit •



The 5th *Georgia Farm to School Summit* will be held October 5-7, 2017 at Helms College in Augusta, GA. Early bird registration is now open! The Summit is approved for six hours of continuing education credit by the Georgia Training Approval for Early Care and Learning and includes a full Farm to Early Care track. Visit the Summit website [here](#) for more information and to register.

A limited number of scholarships will be offered. Click [here](#) for the application. The deadline to apply for a scholarship(s) is May 31, 2017.

If you have questions about the Summit or about registering for the event, email Abbie King at abbie@georgiaorganics.org.

• Updated Policy Guidance and Memoranda •

Nutrition Services released new policy guidance for CACFP institutions. Below is a list of the guidance:

- [DECAL Policy N. CACFP 17-39 & SFSP Policy No. 17-20](#)
- [CACFP Updated Meal Pattern Resources](#)
- [Taking Food Components Offsite in the At-Risk Afterschool Component of the CACFP](#)
- [Vegetable and Fruit Requirements in the CACFP](#)

All CACFP policies and policy memoranda information are available on DECAL's website [here](#) and [here](#).